

10/055,399ERICP329USAAmendment to Specification

Please amend the paragraph before page 1, line 1 (previously added by preliminary amendment), to read as follows:

*A/* This application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/263,860, titled "Reinforcing Bar Connection and Method," filed January 23, 2001, and from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/346,712, ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (Express Mail No. EJ464621533US)~~; titled "Reinforcing Bar Toll and Method," filed January 8, 2002.